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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

ERIC J. MILLER, M.D.

Holder of License No. 19279
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-06-1038

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Eric J. Miller, M.D., ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- 2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.
- 3. This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the Executive Director.
- 4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court,

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- 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications to this Interim Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.
- 7. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

ERIC J. MILLER, M.D.

Dated: 190

FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 33588 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. On December 27, 2006 the Board received information that Respondent was prescribing narcotics to an immediate family member. On January 5, 2006 one of the Board's contracted addiction medicine specialists, Michel Sucher, M.D. spoke with Respondent. Respondent admitted to abusing hydrocodone. Respondent has agreed to remove himself from practice pending further Board Order.
- 4. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public health and safety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25); A.A.C. R4-16-504.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.
 - 2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending

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investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board. ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 994 day of January, 2007 with: The Arizona Medical Board 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road Scottsdale, AZ 85258 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 4 day of January, 2007 to: Steve Myers Myers & Jenkins, P.C. 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 1900 Phoenix, Arizona 85012-2910 Eric J. Miller, M.D. Address of Record

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D. **Executive Director**